### **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks and the above amendments. This response is believed to fully address all issues raised in the Office Action mailed April 17, 2007. Furthermore, no new matter is believed to have been introduced hereby.

Claims 1-22 were previously pending. Claims 1, 2, 11, 13-15, and 21 have been amended as detailed above. Claims 12 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice (e.g., to expedite the prosecution of the present application rather than overcome a rejection). Claims 23-26 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-11, 13-21 and 23-26 remain pending.

#### Objections to Figures, Claims, and Abstract

Objections to the figures, claims, and abstract are believed to have been fully addressed through amendments provided hereby.

With respect to the objection to the drawings in regards to claims 12 and 22, the undersigned is at a loss as to why Figure 3 does not show the claimed features to those with ordinary skill in the art. However, in an effort to expedite the prosecution of the present application, claims 12 and 22 have been simply canceled.

#### 35 USC § 112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. It is believed that the amendments provided hereby have fully addressed these rejections. Additionally, claims 1-10 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC § 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, claims 1-10 are believe to be in condition for allowance.

## 35 USC §§102 and 103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 11-19, 21-22 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Demirekler et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,980,646 B1).

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Claim 20 was rejected under 35 USC  $\S$  103(a) as being unpatentable over Demirekler et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,980,646 B1).

Each of these rejections is respectfully traversed.

Without limiting the scope of embodiments of the invention, only in an effort to impart precision to the claims (e.g., by more particularly pointing out embodiments of the invention, rather than to avoid prior art), and merely to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicant has amended independent claims 11 and 21 as detailed above. These remaining independent claims include similar distinguishing recitations (though not identical) as claim 1 and should be allowable for at least similar reasons. Accordingly, all pending independent claims are in condition for allowance.

Also, all pending dependent claims should be allowable for at least similar reasons as their respective independent claims, as well as additional or alternative elements that are recited therein but not shown in the cited prior art.

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# Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (720-840-6740) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4238.

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